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"PEACE WALKS" DRAW ATTENTION HERE AND ABROAD

Pacifist-initiated "walks for peace" drew widespread attention and news erage during Easter Week on the east and west coasts of the United States and England and Germany. In all several thousand persons marched to protest con-ued testing of nuclear weapons and the arms race in general.

Largest of the marches was in England, where 5,000 persons launched a k from Trafalgar Square in London on Good Friday. Destination of the walkers the Atomic Weapons Research Es-lishment at Aldermaston, fifty miles tant. The column reached Reading Easter Day, six miles from Alder-ston with 1100 marchers.

No reports had been received about march in West Germany, which was nsored by the *Kampfbund gegen mschaden* (Union to Fight Against mic Injury). The group had reported ruiting 100 volunteers for protest rneys to the Eniwetok testing area into other countries.

700 Walk to UN

In this country widespread news erage was given to walkers who con-ged on UN headquarters in New York y from Philadelphia (90 miles), New ven (80 miles) and Long Island (25 es). Progress of the three columns noted daily in the newspapers in v York and communities along the of march from the day they started rch 26) through the Good Friday con-sion. The individual columns fluc-ted from 25 to 75, but when they verged on the UN headquarters on day more than 700 persons were in line.

An evening meeting in Manhattan on day drew almost as many. A feature the meeting was the appearance of ie actor Don Murray, a conscientious ector.

Saturday the marchers drew more no-as they paraded with signs and flets through Times Square. At a sequent meeting at Bryant Park they were heckled briefly by some "Hungarian Freedom Fighters," who shouted that "Anyone who wants to stop atomic testing is helping communism." Police insisted that the pacifists had the right to hold their meeting and made the Hungarians move off some distance. At this point the peace marchers intervened, pointed out that the Hungarians had a right to their point of view, and invited their leader to speak to them.

The *New York Times*, which carried the story on the front page of its Easter Sunday edition, headlined it, "Peace Walkers Soften Anger of Hungarian at Meeting Here," and concluded its story: "With handshakes and an exchange of mailing addresses among the two groups, the meeting soon dispersed in an atmosphere of harmony."

One of the Hungarian leaders subse-

FOR Plans "Vigil at Canaveral"

Pointing out that most of the missile-testing at Cape Canaveral, Florida, is for military purposes, the national FOR office has announced plans for a "vigil," including demonstrations and literature distribution, at the Florida site for the three weeks from June 14 to July 6. Volunteers to participate are urged to write to FOR at Box 271, Nyack, N. Y. Full plans will be published in subsequent issues.

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"Peace Walks" *(Cont'd.)*

quently appeared at the Walk's afternoon evaluation session, where he was invited to state his position. Following this, the Hungarian committee invited the group to send a speaker on nonviolence to one of its meetings.

Meanwhile pacifists and others were engaging in a similar demonstration in California, where walkers planned to leave Tracy Thursday morning, April 3, walk 20 miles to Livermore, and on Friday walk to the University of California Radiation Laboratory headed by Dr. Edward Teller. There they planned to hold a vigil from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with readings, meditations, poster walks and literature distribution.

In Chicago 150 persons marched down Michigan Avenue in protest on Easter Sunday.

Rumor U. S. to End Tests After Current Pacific Series

As this issue of *Fellowship* went to press, rumors were persistent that the United States, under pressure for its "negative" response to the Soviet announcement of a unilateral cessation of nuclear tests, would shortly announce a similar ban of its own to be effective on completion of the current series in the Pacific.

Few of even the most ardent proponents of test cessation disputed official Washington's characterization of the Soviet announcement as a "phony," designed for purely propaganda purposes. The Gromyko announcement followed hard on a series of Russian tests that resulted in a heavy fallout patte It included the reservation that if oth countries continued testing, the Sovie would feel free to resume. Since th came on the eve of previously pub cized extensive U. S. tests, the net sult was probably the biggest barga on record in terms of propaganda fectiveness.

American critics of the Administ tion concentrated their fire on t "wholly negative" response to t Russian proposals. They pointed growing worldwide opposition to c tinued testing, and to the fact that millions of people the U. S. now appe to be the single obstacle in the way important moves to peace.

Footnote--Radioactivity

Just as Edward Teller finished tel everyone that their radium-dia watches were infinitely more de than the possible fallout from te reports began coming in about the cent Soviet nuclear explosions. Ja reported "massive" doses. Sweden nounced a rise to within 25 per cen the "maximum permissible level," San Francisco found radioactivity rainfall to be 200 times the safe l for drinking water!

Footnote--UN Police

The symposium on a UN police f elicited a number of interesting c ments. One item that provides a pro ative footnote is the cost of the mi cule UN Emergency Force recruite the Middle East crisis. The amount proved for the UNEF through 195 $38,500,000. This compares with budget for all other UN activities this year of just under $51,000,000.

Correction

Dr. John Yoder was identified in last issue as a member of the Churc the Brethren. He is, of course, a Me onite. *Fellowship* regrets the error.

NEWS from the peace front

The Controller at the Pentagon, istant Secretary of Defense Wilfred McNeil, has estimated that United es' spending for military purposes ue to increase by a billion dollars a for the next several years.

n the other hand, Assistant Secre- William H. Francis Jr., the Penta- s "manpower chief," urged approval he recent military pay raise as a st and most important step" toward ishing the draft. Mr. Francis looked wholly volunteer force--"men in orm because they wish to be."

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astaner Hospital, located near Ad- as, Puerto Rico, has received nation- publicity within the past couple of hs as the location of Nathan Leo- 's first work outside prison walls ore than 30 years. To most *Fellow-* readers, however, the hospital was -known long before.

perated by the Brethren Service mittee, it was founded in 1942 as a ect for World War II conscientious ctors. It is still staffed by volun- s, many of them pacifists, and offers cal and social services without re- to race, creed, color or economic us.

astaner, presently housed in inade- e wooden barracks, hopes to build dern 32-bed building this year. The S. government will contribute two- s of the $450,000 cost; the remain- $150,000 must come from friends of ospital. Gifts should be sent direct- to Castaner Hospital, Castaner, to Rico.

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he "Twentieth Century" program *lbi,* broadcast by CBS television ons last month, is not available for al, but may in some cases be bor- d without charge from the sponsors e program, the Prudential Insurance pany. The program, written by Sidney zberg, did an excellent job of ex- ning Gandhi's use of nonviolence, included some fascinating film clips e Mahatma's life. Queries should be essed to Prudential's W. F. Hedden, ark, N. J.

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inety-two South Africans will go on for treason some time after April 16, which is Election Day in the Union of South Africa. Chief Albert J. Luthuli, FOR member and President-General of African National Congress, was among those released after preliminary hearings that lasted more than a year. Originally 156 were arrested and charged with violation of the Suppression of Communism Act.

The Act in question is worded so loosely that almost any proposal for liberalization of attitudes toward non-whites may be interpreted as violations. "Hampering or hindering" the government by taking part in campaigns against various laws designed to further the program of apartheid, for example, was cited as specific violation of the Act. Treason may be punished by death.

Readers wanting full and up-to-date information on the trial may write to George Houser, former FOR staff member, who is executive secretary of the American Committee on Africa, at 4 West 40th Street, New York 18.

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A Roman Catholic organization with headquarters in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, is distributing 24-sheet and 3-sheet posters for billboard and similar use stressing the theme "Pray for Peace."

This picture appears on a new flyer published by FOR, suggesting sending of photos of children to White House as protest against continued tests. Idea is reported catching hold.

THE FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION

Canon Charles E. Raven, honorary president of the British FOR and chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, will lead a retreat at Nyack headquarters on Monday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The retreat, intended for clergymen and their wives, will be on Christianity and Nuclear War.

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Forty-seven thousand signatures to the anti-test petition circulated to *Fellowship* readers in the January 1 issue were delivered to President Eisenhower last month by the American Friends Service Committee, which initiated it. Other groups cooperating in its distribution with AFSC and FOR were the Brethren Service Commission, Congregational-Christian and Baptist Peace Fellowships, the Methodist Board of World Peace, and the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

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The Midwest Regional spring conference will feature the theme "Good Neighbors--at home and overseas." Conference is at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., April 25 and 26.

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The New York FOR dinner, an annual event, will be held at Christ Church (Methodist) on May 8. Featured speaker will be Culbert Rutenber, professor of the Philosophy of Religion at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and author of *The Dagger and the Cross.*

The panel of scientists at the Louis FOR conference (May 2, 3) v include a physicist, a pathologist biologist and a geneticist.

Corresponding panel at Cincinn (April 25, 26) will include Dr. C. Gamertsfelder, consulting physicist General Electric, and Dr. Eugene Saenger, of the Radio-Isotope labo tory at the Cincinnati General Hospi

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The FOR national office is distr uting two excellent new films on c crimination in housing. *Crisis in Le town, Pa.* and *All the Way Home,* p duced by Dynamic Films, are both h hour, 16 mm. black-and-white so films of top quality. Each is accompan by a discussion guide. Rental is $7 per film, plus postage.

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The IFOR has reported making a gr for printing a pacifist leaflet for d tribution in Poland. The Polish F youth group had received governm permission to print the leaflet but v held up for lack of funds.

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Last call: FOR National Conferenc at Baltimore (Morgan State Colle April 18,19; Cincinnati, (First U tarian Church) April 25,26; St. Lou (Christ Church Cathedral) May 2, Rush your reservations to FOR, B 271, Nyack, N.Y.

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